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Brown Paper Bags

During World War II, food was not abundant. For this reason, Germans would frequently barter with local farmers.

One of these Germans was a young,

German named Anna, who created beautiful, handcrafted scarves from deep wool on her spindle. Anna took these scarves to local

farmers to trade them for eggs and bread.

The bread was sliced into pieces and placed in multiple brown paper bags by a local farm lady and Anna.

Afterward, they laid the bags of bread in a metal

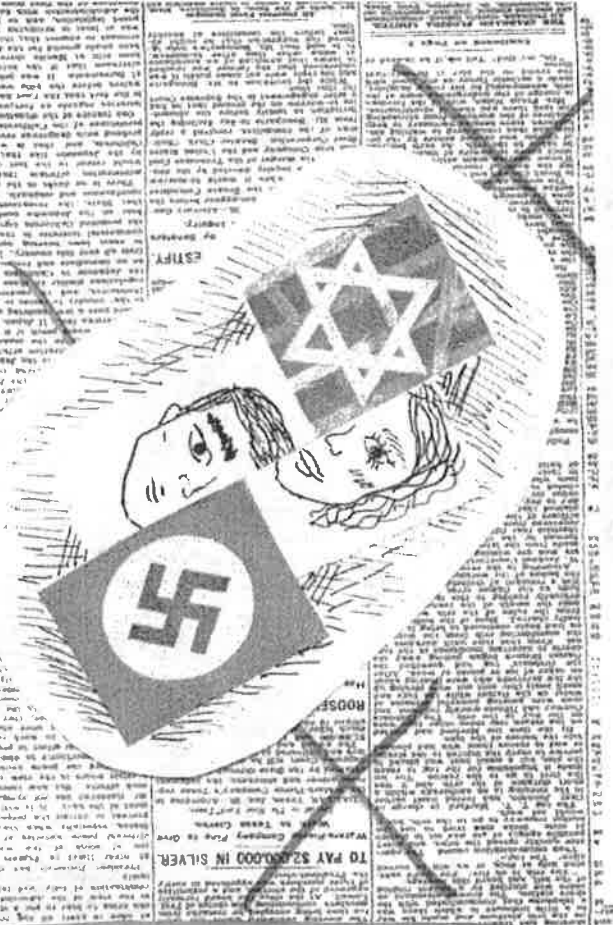
basket on her bike, then tied a scarf to its' frame. After the bread was repped, she rode down the hill where a labor camp was nestled.

A man in the camp, who was stick thin, lingered by the fence,

waiting for the signal- the bike with the scarf. This signal was important, because it represented food and a warning to be prepared.

Sliding down the hill, Anna stopped her bike in front of the camp and quietly rolled the bags down the hill. The man quickly and quietly

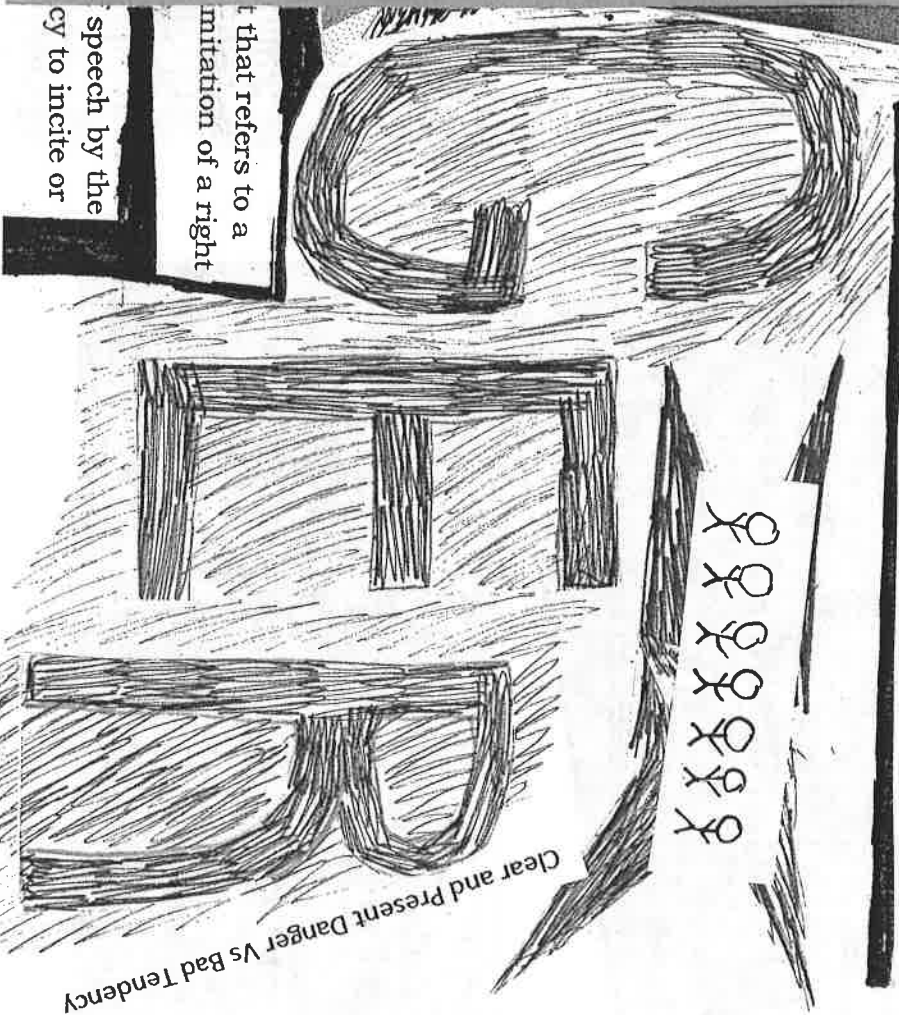
grabbed the bags within a hands reach outside of the fence, then distributed the bread among his family.



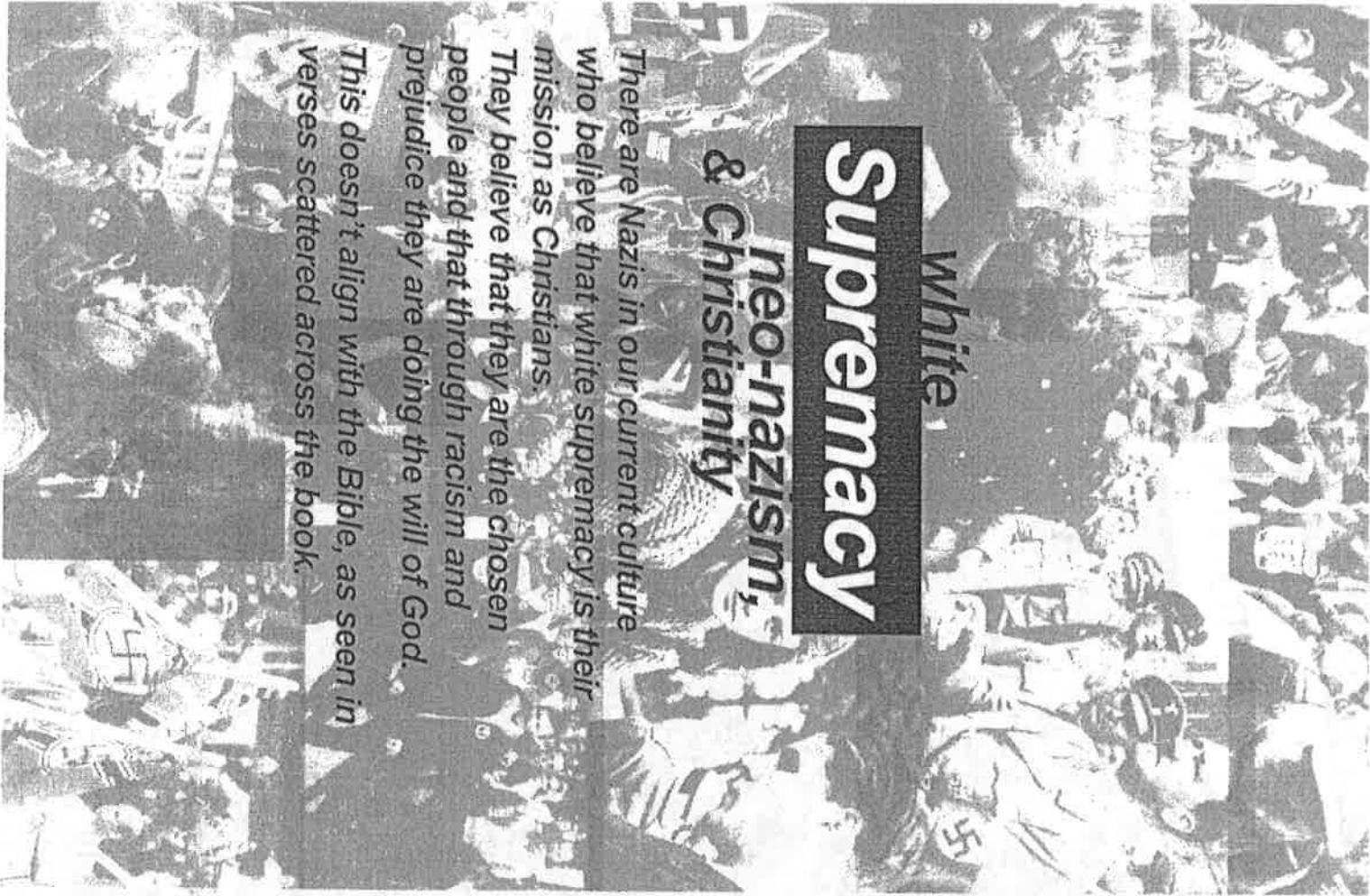
"The most stinging protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theatre and causing a panic... The question in every case is whether the words are used in such circumstances and are of such a nature as to create a clear and present danger that they will bring about the substantive evils that Congress has a right to prevent."

- Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

The difference between clear and present danger and bad tendency is context. Clear and present danger takes the circumstances of the specific situation into account. Bad tendency is a test that bases the situation off a generalization on how an ideal audience would respond.



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White Supremacy neo-nazism, & Christianity

There are Nazis in our current culture who believe that white supremacy is their mission as Christians. They believe that they are the chosen people and that through racism and prejudice they are doing the will of God. This doesn't align with the Bible, as seen in verses scattered across the book.

Subjective Violence -

Slap to the face Stabbing

Assault

Rape Pushing

Shootings

Shaking Stoning

Punching

Kicking Dragging

Thrashing

WE CAN FEEL IT IN OUR
NERVE ENDINGS



The Kentucky Supreme Court recently decided to hear a case involving a Christian clothing outlet, Hands On Originals, denying their t-shirt making services to a LGBT organization. The t-shirt maker argues that it would infringe on their First Amendment right to be required to print a message that the company does not agree with. This could lead to many other issues down the road if this idea is seen as a judgement as to whether religious freedom is being infringed. But if we use the McFreeman method (instead of Masterpiece of Telescope Media) we can judge this case in a way that avoids mass denial of service based on disagreement. To be seen as religious discrimination, the provider of the services must participate in a religious ritual in a way that can be considered offensive. In this case neither the services rendered, nor the products produced are being requested for anything relating to a religious ceremony: it was for a pride festival. According to the method, the t-shirt maker cannot use the first amendment to defend their actions of denial of services.

TRIGGER WARNINGS



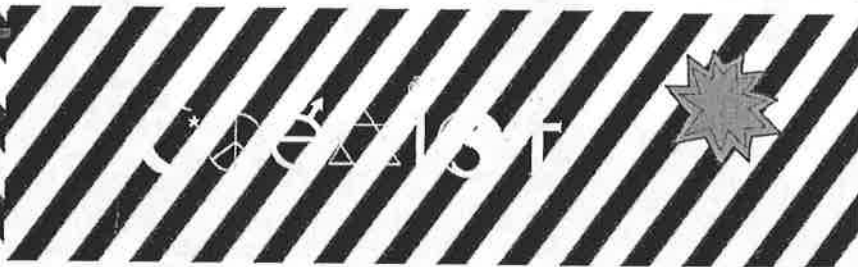
We need to discuss triggering topics in schools, universities, and workplaces. Without those conversations, **we will get nowhere as a country**, and eventually nothing will be up for discussion anymore

Trigger warnings have good intentions but have turned into something we should fear. Out of respect for those suffering with PTSD, we need to ban trigger warnings.

They make us a more **censored** and **less educated** nation. Trigger warnings interfere and eliminate free speech. It causes speakers and writers to shy away from hard truths, to avoid topics that need to be written about, and to keep students undeducated on pressing issues.

I'M FINE

WHAT WOULD AMERICA BE LIKE IF ALL BUSINESS COULD DISCRIMINATE BASED ON RELIGION? NOW IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT RURAL TOWNS IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA LIKE ZIMMERMAN, YOU MIGHT NOT NOTICE A DIFFERENCE IN DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF DIVERSITY IN THE CITY. WHEREAS IN DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS, THE BUDDHISTS COULD STOP SERVING THE METHODISTS, PROUD BOYS STOP SERVING ANTIFA, CHRISTIANS STOP SERVING HINDUS, THE WICCANS STOP SERVING SATANISTS, JEWISH DELIS STOP SERVING THE CATHOLICS, ALL BECAUSE THE CUSTOMERS DO NOT AGREE WITH THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. WOULD VIOLENCE (SOMEDAY) BREAK OUT? WOULD THE BILL CREATE MORE PROBLEMS THAN THERE WERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?



I Believe in Trauma and PTSD.
So I Don't Believe in Trigger Warnings

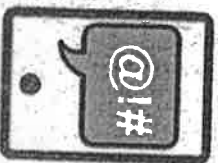


A trigger warning is something that warns a viewer, reader, or listener that some content that they are about to be exposed to may trigger a harmful response due to a past traumatic event but avoiding triggering topics isn't the best way to process traumatic events. Many people believe that trigger warnings help patients of trauma, but this is not the case. The avoidance of triggers is a symptom of PTSD, not a cure. In fact, exposure therapy is one of the most effective methods to curing PTSD. Constantly sheltering people (not just PTSD patients) from possibly triggering content is actually degrading their mind and psychological state.

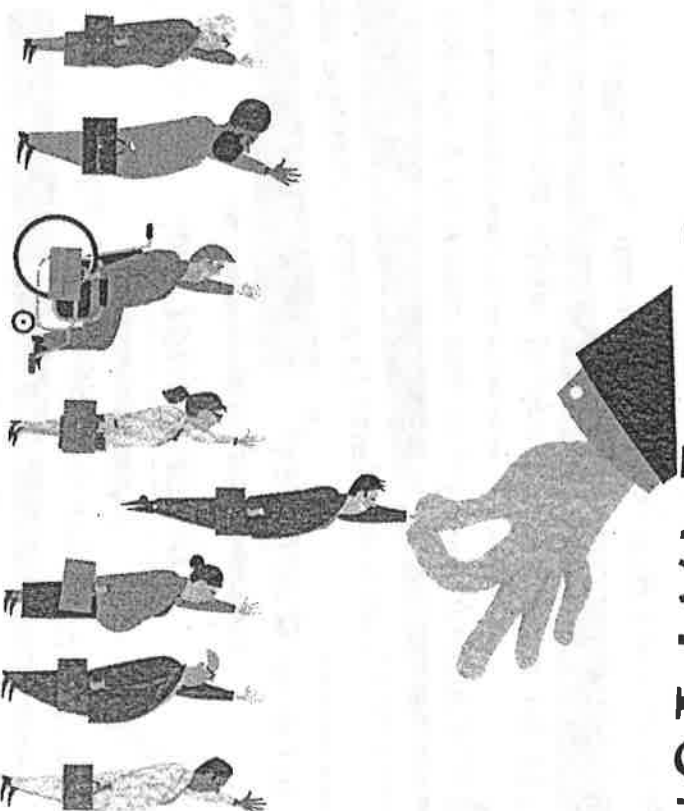
Trigger warnings are very hard to implement. Trauma patients can sometimes be triggered by a certain song or smell. Dani Behnoudik, a health science professor at Caniada College states that "No matter how mindful I am about stuff that's likely to trigger my students, I can never know the extent of what they have going on. So I must be prepared for them to be triggered by something I never saw coming and be ready to hear and support them when it happens." If change will happen for anyone suffering with trauma, sensitizing their lives will cause the progress of their mental healing to stagnate.



CYBERBULLYING



DISCRIMINATION



think bleach
and kill
yourself

cyberbullying

is a huge issue

especially with todays

technology. A young teenage

boy was getting bullied on

twitter by a fellows student

who was using homophobic

language, insulting he kill himself,

and making fun of his autism.

The school got involved, but if the

harassment took place on twitter

how was the school going to do

anything? The student does have

a right to privacy on his social

media accounts, however in this

context the bullying was too

severe and he doesn't deserve

that right to privacy in some cases

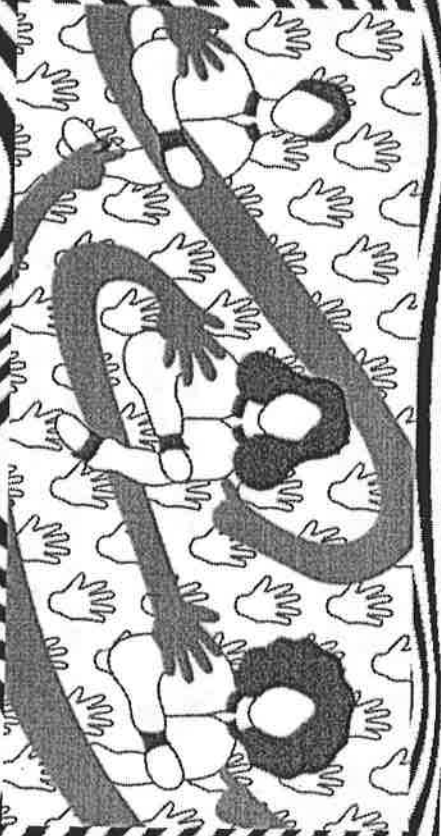
cyberbullying is considered a

felony and the fact the

school does have the power

to go through his social media,

it should not change that



BAD POLITICS

D. J. Hill was attending a public event, at which she and her husband approached former Vice President Joe Biden. They asked for a picture, and upon taking the picture Biden placed his arms around their shoulders. As the picture was being taken, Biden slipped his hand down her back, letting it stop on her waist.

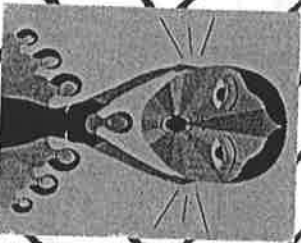
D. J. Hill's case is mainly being used to show systemic violence due to the nature of the action. She has stated that although it may not technically fall under any sexual harassment laws, it still is unacceptable and points towards our patriarchal society. In this case she emphasizes that by allowing this to slip by, our society is rendering it an acceptable action.

Photo Op!

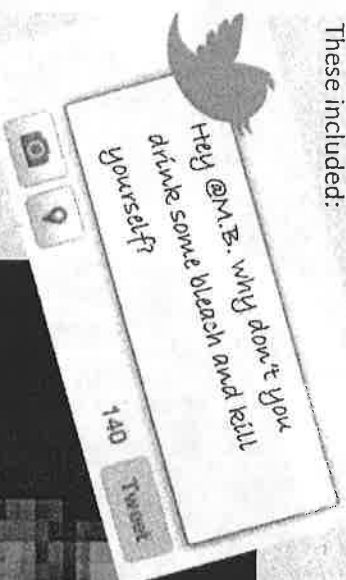
In 2012, Hill was at a fund-raising event in Minneapolis. At this time there was a photo opportunity with Mr. Biden, Mrs. Hill and her husband got in line. When they were getting ready for the picture, Mr. Biden put his arms around their shoulders, and they began to have a light conversation. During this conversation Mr. Biden's hand slid down from Mrs. Hill's shoulder to her waist.



Hill decided to make the incident public, letting everyone know what had happened. Why? She stated, "If something makes you feel uncomfortable, you have to feel able to say it." Despite the fact that this event seems small, it had an impact on Hill. She felt that Biden had invaded her space and she was helpless to say anything due to his ranking and power.



The Minnesota Supreme Court reversed a cyberbullying case, making the so-called 'cyberbully' a free man. The bully, going by the initials A.J.B., sent out many tweets about a student, M.B., that the initial court deemed harassment, and cruel. These included:



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The juvenile court almost immediately found A.J.B. guilty on many charges. However, after taken to the State Supreme Court, it was argued that the law used to convict A.J.B. imposed on First Amendment Rights. It was too 'broad' to be used. The law defines bullying as:

“...an actual or perceived imbalance of power”

"Intimidating, threatening, abusive, or harrasing conduct limited to, conduct that causes physical harm or causes a student to be in fear of physical harm."

This law is too broad because it convicts the wrong bully, Minnesota says. This law is just a sarcastic teenager, and the bully defames. This law is just a sarcastic grandpa liking a Facebook page against a conservative grandma liking a Facebook page.

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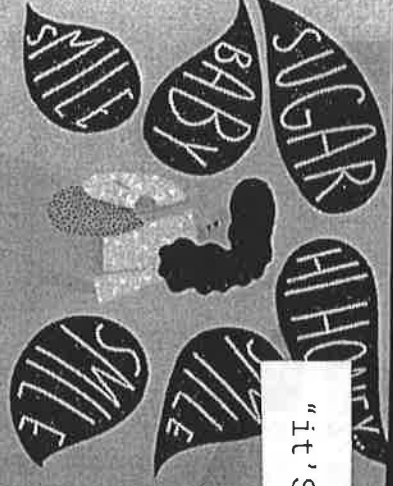
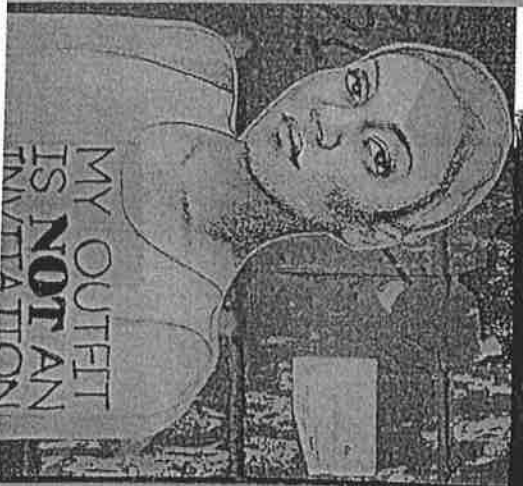
I can live without your "flirting"

! He had a wife & went to my church, yet he still slid up on my Instagram stories and commented inappropriate things.

IF IT'S UNWANTED, IT'S HARASSMENT.

SAVING YOU'D HAVE SEX WITH A RANDOM GIRL THAT WALKS PAST IS NOT FLIRTING

"it's just playful flirting"



Two white high school students took a photo wearing a charcoal cosmetic mask with the hashtag #blackface. They posted it on social media, where the lawsuit says it went viral. It's unclear from the lawsuit whether this happened on school grounds, but an African-American student showed it to the principal, who responded 'something to the effect of, "Where is this? Can this go viral?"'

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"Four of six plaintiffs left the schools"

Zizek's three theories of violence are helpful in analyzing this situation. This case can go under symbolic violence because the white students are causing the African American students emotional and mental pain by making light of racial stereotyping. This is also a case of systemic violence because the school didn't do anything regarding the racism, reinforcing it by their lack of action.

The school district allowed a picture of a white student wearing blackface to be printed in a high school yearbook. The school is having the yearbooks reprinted without the image



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